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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. BHUTTO'S PRESS CONFERENCE: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?

EMBASSY ISLAMABAD BELIEVES THE PROPOSALS WHICH BHUTTO ANNOUNCED AT HIS ANXIOUSLY AWAITED PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 17 WERE TRANSPARENT MOVES TO MOLLIFY CONSERVATIVE RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS IN THE OPPOSITION ALLIANCE, AND WILL BE REJECTED AS INADEQUATE. BHUTTO OFFERED:

--TO HOLD FRESH PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS WITH POSSIBLE NEW NATIONAL ELECTIONS IF THE OPPOSITION SUCCEEDS ON THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL, A PLAN THE OPPOSITION HAS ALREADY REJECTED; CONFIDENTIAL

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- --TO LIFT LONG-STANDING EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS IF VIOLENCE STOPS;
- --TO REVIVE THE COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC IDEOLOGY CHARGED WITH RECONCILING PAKISTANI AND ISLAMIC LAW;

--TO BAN GAMBLING AND THE SALE OF WINE AND LIQUOR TO ALL BUT FOREIGNERS AND NON-MUSLIMS; AND

--TO TRANSFER JAILED OPPOSITION LEADERS TO ONE LOCATION SO THEY MAY JOINTLY CONSIDER HIS PROPOSALS.

SINCE BHUTTO DID NOT MEET THE OPPOSITION'S BASIC DEMAND, THAT HE RESIGN AND CALL NEW NATIONAL ELECTIONS, THE EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT THE CRISIS WILL CONTINUE. (CONFIDENTIAL) ISLAMABAD 3741, 4/17.) VANCE

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